

ACQ 101

Fundamentals of Systems Acquisition Management

This course provides a broad overview of the DoD systems acquisition process, covering all phases of acquisition. It introduces the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) and resource allocation processes, the DoD 5000 Series documents governing the defense acquisition process, and current issues in systems acquisition management. Designed for individuals who have little or no experience in DoD acquisition management, ACQ 101 has proven very useful to personnel in headquarters, program management, and functional or support offices.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will be able to recognize:

- the fundamentals of defense systems acquisition management;
- the diverse, interrelated, and changing nature in the different disciplines of defense systems acquisition management; and
- the regulations and governing structures of defense systems acquisition management.

Who Should Attend: This course is designed for military officers, O-1 through O-3, and DoD civilians, GS-5 through GS-9. However, the course is open to all ranks and grades.

Prerequisite: None

Length: This is a nonresident, self-paced course available through the Internet. Students must pass the final examination within 60 calendar days of the start date.

Method of Delivery: Distance Learning—
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ACQ 201A

Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A

Intermediate Systems Acquisition, Part A, uses computer-based training to prepare mid-level acquisition professionals to work in integrated product teams by understanding systems acquisition principles and processes. Both ACQ 201A and ACQ 201B are required for DAWIA certification.

Objectives: Students who successfully complete this course will:

- enhance their knowledge of the business, technical, and managerial aspects of acquisition;
- understand and appreciate the critical role that each functional discipline plays in the acquisition process; and
- using computer-based training, virtually participate in simulated integrated product teams to develop plans and resolve problems.

Who Should Attend: ACQ 201A is for military officers, O-3 and above; civilians, GS-9 and above; and industry equivalents who are Level I certified in acquisition. Students should have 2 to 4 years of acquisition and/or logistics experience.

Prerequisite: ACQ 101

Note: ACQ 201A and ACQ 201B are assignment-specific for Contracting personnel. Level III Contracting personnel who are assigned to an ACAT I program or who devote at least 50 percent of their time to an ACAT I program are required to take both courses. Level II Contracting personnel should take ACQ 201A and ACQ 201B within 1 year of assignment to an ACAT I program.

Length: This is a nonresident, self-paced course available through the Internet. Students must pass the final examination within 60 calendar days of the start date.

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